



BETHEL CHURCH

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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Office Hours

Monday 8:30-12:30 pm; Tuesday 8:00-4:00 pm

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Office is CLOSED on Fridays

Staff

Pastor/Moderator: Rev. Steve Nofel

Music Director/Organist: Kirsten Fitzsimmons

Children's Youth & Family Program Coordinator: Chrissie Galliher

Office Manager: Kelly McLaughlin

Church Treasurer: Bruce Batchelor

Online Giving



Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church

December 24, 2025

Worship Service 5:00 p.m.



+ indicates standing; congregational readings/responses are shown in bold print.

Gathering and Welcome

The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ is with you. **And also with you.**

Call to Worship Bob Horn

Leader: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

People: And we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

Lighting of the Advent & Christmas Candles Becky Comaty & Angie Prevette

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Isaiah 2:4

He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

Light a Blue Candle

Isaiah 11:6

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

Light a Blue Candle

Isaiah 35:1

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom, like the crocus.

Light the Rose Candle

Church Leadership

Elders (Session)

Meet 3rd Thursday each month

2025	2026	2027
Margie Fielder	Pete Capozzoli	Marsha Brooks
Carmie Messenger	Bob Dennison	Dave Hinkley
Gary Lowe	Charles Henry	Krista Batchelor

Deacons

Meet 1st Monday each month

2025	2026	2027
Donna Jones	Pat Chlebda	Rebecca Smith
Terri Schwarz	Rebecca Comaty	Jane Burgess
MaryLee Swift	Jen Seiler	Laurie Falkner
Pam Sherwood	Gail Lowe	

Trustees

Meet 1st Tuesday each month

2025	2026	2027
Dave Kirchner	Tim Sherwood	Jan Berlage
Sam Fielder	Brian Calary	Bruce Batchelor
Bob Horn	Bruce Mattheiss	Greg Burgess
Steve Kauffman	Craig Messenger	R. Donald Scott

Open and Close Trustee for
This week is Don Scott
Ushers this week
Steve & Amy Kauffman

The 2025 Per Capita fee per congregation member is **\$42.00**
Please be sure to submit your portion
by the end of the year.
Please write per capita in memo of check. Thank you!

Christmas Flower Tributes



In Honor of

Our family who bless us every day, Amy, Reuben, Sara, Chris, Clara,
Henry, Lyla & Violet, by Gail & David Thomas
Our children, Brian & Lisa Calary, and Jennifer & Andrew Thomson
by Eddie & Debbie Calary
Our grandchildren, Leah & Brandon Calary, and Rhiannon & Isla
Thomson, by Eddie & Debbie Calary

Isaiah 7:14
The Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the virgin is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel.

Light a Blue Candle

Isaiah 9:2
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

Light the White Christmas Candle

+ Hymn #40 *Joy to the World*

Invocation Bob Horn

Leader: Good and gracious God, on this holy night you gave us your Son, the Lord of the universe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, the Savior of all, lying in a manger.
People: On this holy night draw us into the mystery of your love.
Leader: Join our voices with the heavenly host that we may sing your glory on high.
People: Give us a place among the shepherds that we may find the one for whom we have waited, Jesus Christ, the Savior and Lord. Amen.

+ Gloria Patri

+ Passing the Peace The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ is with you.
And also with you.

First Lesson Isaiah 43:1-7 Pastor Steve
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson Luke 2:8-14 Pastor Steve
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Time with Young Disciples Pastor Steve

Sermon Isn't There Anyone Who Knows What Christmas Is All About?

+ Hymn #31 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Prayers of the People Pastor Steve

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Chancel Choir

+ Doxology 592

+ Prayer of Dedication Pastor Steve

+ Hymn #60 *Silent Night, Holy Night*

+ Benediction Pastor Steve

Postlude

Christmas Flower Tributes



In Loving Memory of

Our brother, Billy, by Gary & Gail Lowe

Our loving parents by Gary & Gail Lowe

Talmadge C. Rose & Leonora D. Rose by the Rose Family

"Hap" (Harold) & Frances Smith by the Rose Family

Jarrett & Phyllis Wiley by Mark, Lynne, Ben, Kirsten & Sam

Joseph Clarkson, Jr. by Steve & Amy Kauffman

Joseph Clarkson, IV by Steve & Amy Kauffman

Judith Yesilyurt by Steve & Amy Kauffman

Pat Denbrow by George, husband, Lisa & Jeff

Roger & Dorothy Sexton by Betty & Jack Rogers and Nancy &

Michael Alexander

Our brother, Major Robert P. Brokaw, by George & Donna Toole

Terri Dannettel by Nancy Alexander & Betty Rogers

Ken & Betty Wade by Jack & Nancy Mory

Joe & Pay Mory by Jack & Nancy Mory

Our parents, Ruth & Cliff Smith and Ella Mae & Raymond Thomas,
by Gail & David Thomas

Our sisters & brothers, Ruth Ann, Patti, Buzz, Lewis & Bill, by
Gail & David Thomas

Richard & Elizabeth Henderson, Arthur Henderson, & Paul Ragonese,
by The Henderson & Comer families

My wife, Betty Saneman, by Steve Saneman

Betty Saneman, by Chuck, Kelley, Bailey, Reilly & Brandon

Jayne Lyons, by Chuck, Kelley, Bailey, Reilly & Brandon

Our parents, Ruth & Edwin Calary, and our nephew, Donnie Laye
by Eddie & Debbie Calary

Our parents, Beverly & Ted Schmidt, by Eddie & Debbie Calary